



# Acts of Faith

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“Freedom is not free” is a popular American idiom, used widely in the United States to express gratitude to the military for defending personal freedoms. On this July 4th let us take time to consider the great freedoms we enjoy as citizens of this land, as well as, the peace and freedom we enjoy as God’s own loyal subjects in the Kingdom of Grace. Join Christian Americans in praising God for this great land and the grace of God along with His mercies revealed to us in His church. We read in 1 Timothy 2:5-6 “For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all.”



Jesus paid the price of our freedom from eternal death, the world, and the power of the Devil. A price which is so high that no one could ever pay it. He did it on the cross with His life blood. He purges our sin and replaces it with His holiness. Christ’s freedom is also freedom from sin. God is caring for us each day, and on the last day will raise up our bodies to live in His perfect freedom forever.

Our political freedoms and our spiritual freedom in Christ did not come easily. As we value them, we will use them responsibly, and will protect and promote them for all. We are citizens of two kingdoms, the church and the state, so in our vocations as Christians and US citizens we must carefully, joyfully and forthrightly take our work seriously. St. Paul in the letter to Galatians 1:5 says, “Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again in the yoke of bondage.” The bondage is sin, is our fears, and is our lustful desires. Do you love His freedom enough to endure heat and rain to come and hear God’s Word and to worship Him? Do you love it enough to think through how you are using your time, talents, and treasure, so that many more may be eternally free? And finally do you love freedom enough to say “no” to yourselves, if need be, for the people and things you love the most?

Have a safe and happy 4th of July!

## CID’s Response to the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and Martin Luther’s posting of the 95 theses on the door of the Wittenberg’s Castle Church. In the recent past, members of the CID-LCMS have been instrumental in rebuilding Wittenberg’s Old Latin School and repurposing it into the International Lutheran Center. Additional support is needed for special 500th Anniversary programming at the Center. Tours, lectures, concerts, and socials will draw people from outside the Church to learn about Jesus, and salvation by grace, through faith in Him.



To meet those programming needs, a special appeal is being made to members of all CID congregations. Faith member’s may donate through our congregation with a note on your check or envelope of **CID500**. We will have an opportunity to authorize an additional congregational gift at the July Voter’s Assembly.

**July 4th Celebration** brings carloads of people to our church to watch the Kewanee fireworks display. Once again, we have the opportunity to serve our community and evangelize at the same time. If support and volunteers are available, Faith will sell cold drinks and snacks that evening. If you can help in this event please contact Ted and Marilyn Sturtevant. Then bring your lawn chair and enjoy the show from our campus.

**Plan to attend the semi annual Voters’ Assembly on July 30th after the worship service.**

Worship Schedule  
 9:00 AM, Sunday Worship Service  
 Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, 10:15 A.M.

*July's Calendar*

- July 2** Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
 Worship, Bible Study, & S.S.  
 Mite box collection
- July 4** Independence Day Celebration
- July 9** Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
 Worship and Bible Study
- July 16** Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
 Worship, Bible Study
- July 18** No Elders or Council Mtgs. in July
- July 22\*** Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
 Worship moved to Saturday 6:30 PM  
 with Pastor Gary Wright
- July 30** Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
 Voters Assembly Mtg. 10:15 AM  
 No communion

\* Service moved to accommodate guest Pastor Wright during Pastor's absence for guard duty.

*Altar Guild Schedule*

- July 2 Sharon Larson Green
- July 9 Marilyn Sturtevant Green
- July 16 JoAnn Behnke & Bonnie Nuding Green
- July 22 Mary Hahn Green
- July 30 Kari Tavares Green

Weekly Ushers:

- 1st Sunday: Ray Heinrich & Kevin Hull
- 2nd Sunday: Eric Cervantez & Nick Leezer
- 3rd Sunday: Nick Philips & Randy Stockner
- 4th Sunday: Mike Leezer & Wendell Hier
- 5th Sunday: Ted Sturtevant & Gary Hahn

Elders List:

- Wayne Becker: 309-853-8783
- Kevin Hull: 309-852-0801
- Ron Larson: 309-853-5111
- Mike Leezer: 309-286-3014
- Ted Sturtevant: 309-853-8203
- Wendell Hier 309-853-8388

July Cleaning Schedule

Week starting	Team#	Type
July 2	Team #4	Weekly
July 9	Team #5	Monthly
July 16	Team #6	Weekly
July 23	Team #1	Weekly
July 30	Team#2	Weekly

**Lutheran Hour Ministry Radio Program**

Station	City, State	Freq.	Day & Time
WKEI	Kewanee, IL	1450 AM	Sun 5:30 AM

**REMEMBER:** Please contact the office and inform us of any changes of name, address, marital status, e-mail, phone, and cell phone.

**Those For Whom We Pray** Please include the following in your thoughts and daily prayers.

**Our Faith family:** Cari Bridgewater, Betty Godke, Tootie Godke, Doris Hier, and Lois Novotny

**Friends:** Jeff Bowman, Karen Wright, Judi Umbarger, and SSG Camie Kelly

**CID:** Please remember in your prayers our CID mission work in area prisons spreading the Gospel to those in confinement. For the Rock Island Circuit congregations; Mt. Calvary, Galesburg and St. Matthew, Milan; with pastoral vacancies.



**Prayer Requests:** Have someone or something that you would like Pastor Weber to include in either his personal prayers or in our public Prayer of the Church on Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer request, place in an envelope, and leave it in the office or hand it to Pastor.

**Thank you** to Kevin Hull, Glen Godke, and Gary Hahn for taking responsibility to keep the outside grounds around Faith looking good and well maintained.

## July Birthdays

July 1	Jonathan Estes
July 3	Madeline Breedlove
July 11	Kimberly Tudder
July 21	Tiffany Carpenter
July 22	Janet Estes
July 25	William Croegaert
July 26	Douglas Hahn
July 27	Julie Carpenter
July 29	Sara Cervantez

## Baptism Dates

Madelyn Breedlove	7/30
Hunter Damm	7/12
Glen Godke	7/14
Vanda Hallock	7/13
Kathy Peed	7/22
Addison Talbot	7/14

## Wedding Anniversaries

July 5	Glen & Betty Godke
July 24	Mark & Pamela Helmkamp
July 27	Mike & Paula Leezer
July 30	Wendell & Doris Hier

If you have an article, a thank you, an idea, a suggestion, or a request for the next newsletter, give the information to the church office or send an e-mail to [hahn.gary@comcast.net](mailto:hahn.gary@comcast.net) before July 24, 2017.

**Women of Faith:** Mites will be gathered on Sunday July 2nd.

The ladies thank all those who donated men's clothing for the East Moline Correctional Facility and assisted with Pastor's brunch.

At the LWML 37th Biennial Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, delegates approved a mission goal of \$2,075,000! This is an increase of \$75,000 from the 2015 to 2017 goal. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



**Church Council included** a trustee's report that steel brackets were installed on two of the crossbeams to insure the stability of these beams due to a twisting of the main wood beam on the south side of the Nave, and a new faucet set was installed on the sink in the kitchen area to replace the leaking one.

Pastor will be away for the Sundays of July 16th and July 23rd due to National Guard obligations. To fill the pulpit the July 23 service was rescheduled for **Saturday evening, July 22nd, at 6:30 PM** with Rev. Gary Wright, Zion E. Moline. On July 16th Rev. Dr. Rodger Abatie, Pekin, IL. will present his sermon on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation movement.

Treasurer Sue reported that \$360 was presented to Pastor for his 20th Ordination Anniversary gift from the members. A Memorial gift of \$500 was received for Marvin Novotny, and a \$1000 check arrived from the Robert Stabler estate. The Yount Memorial fund is \$395.00. At Council's direction Sue continues to make \$4000 monthly mortgage payments to CID-CEF to make up for past deficiencies.

The Council will not meet in July.

**Thank you** Ted and Marilyn Sturtevant for leading the spring LifeLight Bible study on Ministry. A new class will be forming next fall so watch for more information and start times.

**Congratulations to graduates:** Alyssa Croegaert from Annawan High School, and Lacey Leezer, B.S. from Missouri State University. God's blessings as you both continue into the next phases of your lives.

**2017 Altar Flower Chart** is up and available for you to sign up for altar flowers. Please consider placing flowers on our Lord's altar to remember a significant loved one or event in your life.

**Reminder** A Memorial Fund has been established in the name of Rev. Robert Yount at Faith Lutheran. If you choose to include a memorial gift, please put in it an envelope marked "Yount Memorial" and place it in the offering plate.

**R.I. Circuit News:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Rock Island, is honored to host an **Every One His Witness** workshop. This is a special LCMS program to familiarize individual believers with the basics of witnessing to the people in their everyday lives. A very special guest will be coming from St. Louis to lead this event. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 30 to join in a program for our whole circuit. More information will come as we get closer to the event.

St. John, East Moline, will host a special 500th Anniversary Reformation worship service at 3:00 PM on October 29th. More information will come as we get closer to the event.

**To Faith Congregation:** Thank you so very much for the 20th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration. Heather and I were humbled by the outpouring of love shown to us on June 14th. We appreciated the fellowship, meal and congregational gift. We are especially thankful for those preparing and executing the event. We count it a high privilege of serving in your midst and look forward to many more years of working alongside of you at Faith.

God's blessings to all of you. Pastor Weber

The radical events, compelling personalities, and exciting drama of the Reformation are brought to life in *Martin Luther: An Idea That Changed the World*. The full-length documentary features thrilling reenactments of the sixteenth-century events with commentary from leading church-history experts. The movie is coming to PBS in 2017. Watch for scheduling time on WTVP Peoria, or WQPT Moline.



"I will bless you ..., so that you will be a blessing" (Gen. 12:2). The Lord blessed Abraham so that he would be a blessing. How did He bless Abraham? He promised that from His seed would come the savior of the nations. And Abraham believed that promise, trusted that the Lord would provide it just as He had promised. Thus, everything Abraham did was colored by that promise. He willingly gave of himself and his household in service to the Lord in view of that promise.

Our Father in heaven has richly blessed us. Not only has He given us everything that we need to support this body and life, but He has also provided, that promised seed in His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is the savior of the nations. He is the redeemer of the world. He is the one who has conquered sin, death, and the power of the devil by His death, resurrection, and ascension.

Just as we are richly blessed, we are also thereby freed to be a blessing. Since God has endowed us with His gifts, we are set to endow others. Thus, we give of the blessings we have received so that others may be blessed. We do this in our homes, our communities, and our churches. We press the blessings God has lavished upon us in service to those around us. We use our time, our talents, and our treasures to be a blessing even as they have been a blessing to us.

The Lord blesses us. And He enlists us to be a blessing to others. So, whenever you put that envelope in the collection plate, when you set out to serve at the local food pantry, when you sit down to help your kids with homework, think of this: The Lord has blessed you, so that you will be a blessing.

**Voters Meeting:** July 30th, after the worship service, Faith will hold a voters' assembly to conduct routine business and discuss the church's contribution to the CID Reformation Anniversary project, Oktoberfest dinner plans, and proposed crack repair and sealing of the church parking lot.